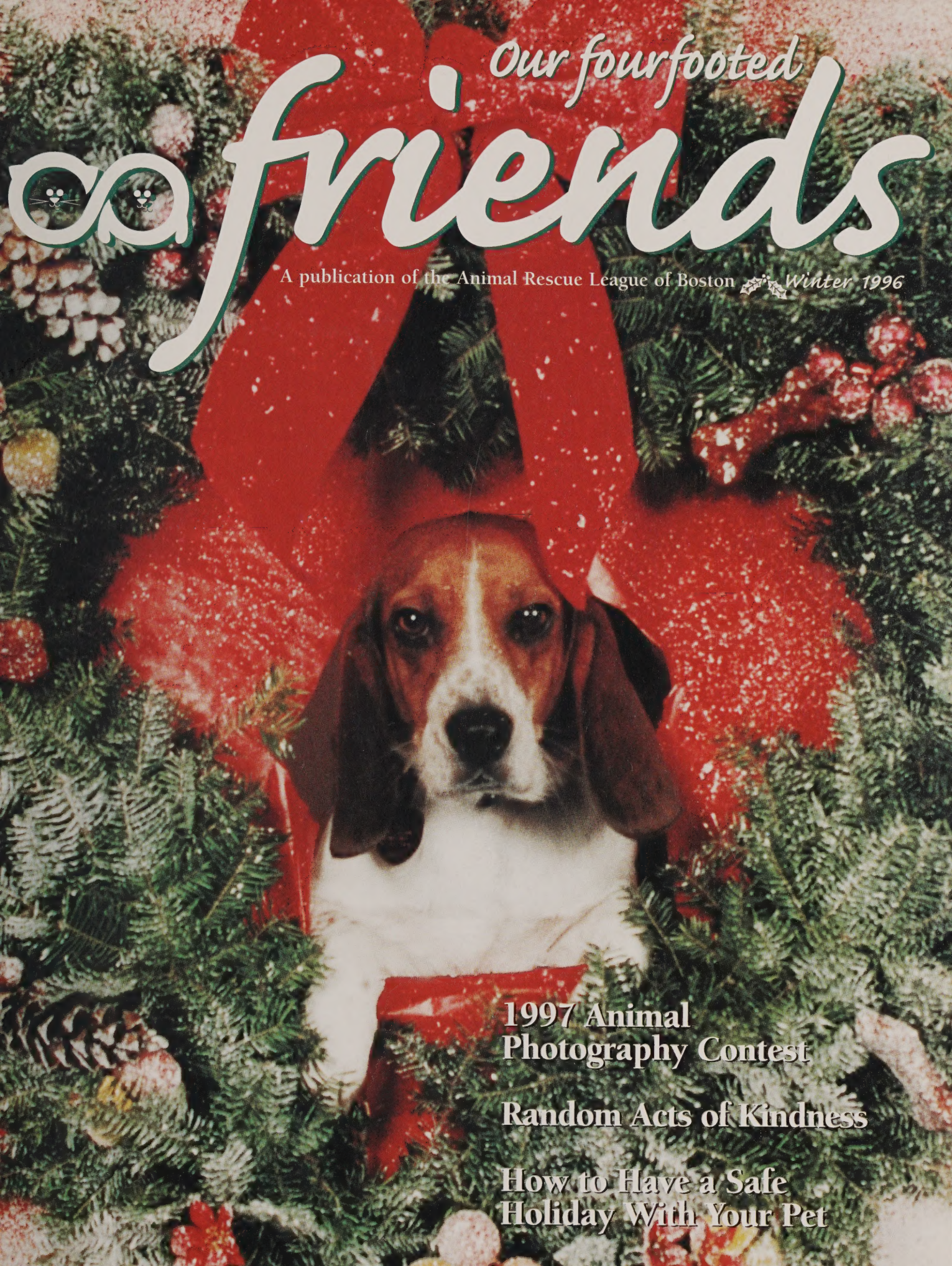

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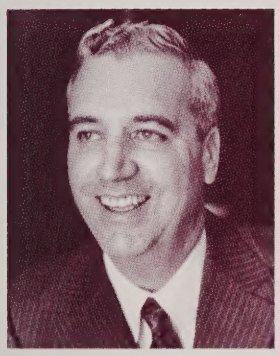
# A Message from the President

## Trapping Referendum Wins



Arthur G. Slade
*President*

*It is exciting to realize that Question One on the ballot in our recent election received a resounding "Yes" vote in support of banning the use of cruel traps in Massachusetts.*

The fact that the issue received overwhelming support from the voters gives graphic testimony to the public's attitude toward the use of these traps. It should send a loud and clear message to our Legislators and public officials once and for all.

This is a tremendous victory for humane values and concerns. Hopefully, it points to a trend in our country toward a more aware and caring society, a society in which decent and humane values are meaningful and count for something. Such attitudes are essential if we are to move toward more traditional, family values and a sense of decent moral conduct toward the animal life around us. It is a realization that the wildlife in our environment deserve to be protected from the cruel and inhumane practices of a tiny portion of the public such as trappers. It is an acknowledgment of the idea that being able to see animals in their natural habitats enriches the lives of us all.

I am especially pleased that the outrageous claims by the opposition that a "Yes" vote would result in extreme dangers to public health and safety were not believed. The voters saw through the attempts to cloud the issue and recognized the true issue: the fact that these traps do not meet the criteria of the law's own definition of a humane trapping device.

It is worthy of note that a similar law was passed in much the same way in Colorado on election day, so clearly the voters of Massachusetts were not alone in sounding the need for trapping reform.

In the final analysis, it is you—the friends and supporters of the League—who are to be thanked and appreciated for this triumph on behalf of the animals.

The victories in our cause are often few and far between, but this is one time you may feel a sense of real accomplishment. This is a victory of major proportions which was won by folks like you at the grassroots level.

You have our heartfelt thanks for a job well done. Such a groundswell of support cannot ever be measured in terms of the good it will do in years to come for animal protection.

# Rescue News

*Shelter Agent Lina Cabrera stops to speak with MDC Commissioner David Balfour (center) and League Law Enforcement Coordinator Alan Borgal.*

## MDC Commissioner Helps League Rescue Curious Cat

A curious feline named "Ben" was recently rescued from a stone tomb on the Longfellow Bridge, thanks to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, a caring passerby, and MDC Commissioner David Balfour.

One late evening in October, an unidentified jogger heard Ben's cries and found the cat trapped in the tomb. The samaritan noticed the identification tag on Ben's collar and notified owners Karen and George Haskell of Beacon Hill. The Animal Rescue League of Boston was then contacted for assistance. Unable to bring Ben through the holes in the grate, League Law Enforcement Coordinator Alan Borgal contacted MDC Commissioner David Balfour at home and asked for authorization for a crew to help free the cat.

At 11:30 p.m. workers were able to free Ben by using a blow torch to open a door to one of the stone edifices that line the bridge. The Haskells had almost given up hope of finding their beloved companion who had been missing for five days. Luckily, Ben was unharmed throughout his ordeal and was reunited with his family.

A Veterinary UPDATE

Winter 3

by Bosmat Gal, D.V. M.

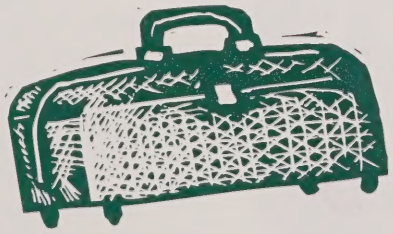
# Vaccines For The Future

*The field of veterinary vaccines is a fast-moving one.*

A recent article in Veterinary Product News discussed the rapid evolution of vaccine technology. Some of the most promising research today revolves around finding alternate methods of administering vaccines. The development of oral vaccines is one example. Vaccines given by mouth offer significant advantages by minimizing adverse immune reactions and avoiding injection-site reactions. The disadvantage is that vaccines given orally can weaken as they move through the body. One promising solution is a new method of delivery called microencapsulation in which the antigens (virus or bacteria) are incorporated into a polymer. The encapsulation will protect the antigens from degradation in the gastrointestinal tract. This method is also safer because the stimulation of the immune response may occur with smaller doses.

Another example of the fast-moving field of vaccine technology is the recent development of canine parvovirus vaccines. (Parvo is a potentially fatal disease in dogs which causes severe vomiting and diarrhea.) Parvo vaccines have been available for over a decade. However, according to Beth S. Bielsker, DVM, manager of veterinary affairs for Solvay Animal Health Inc., veterinarians have noticed a re-emergence of the disease. Parvo vaccines in the past protected adult dogs, but some puppies were unable to respond appropriately due to their level of maternal antibodies. The challenge was for the biological industry to develop a vaccine which would be effective regardless of the presence of maternal antibodies. Progard was created by Intervet in 1994; this new generation of parvovirus vaccine utilized a patented Canine Parvo Virus strain 154. It was successful in providing early protection for puppies and is just the beginning in the development of better prevention against the devastating parvovirus.

In the ever-changing world of veterinary medicine, vaccines like these are an exciting step forward. Veterinarians will continue to re-evaluate and adjust their current vaccine protocols as new discoveries are made.



# News from

*Guests "paws" for a photo at the recent "A Toast to the Animals" celebration held at Salem's Lyceum Bar and Grill.*

## "A Toast to the Animals"

"Can You Feel the Love Tonight" may have been the song from Disney's Lion King, but it was also the theme at a recent fundraising event held in Salem. The staff of the Lyceum Bar and Grill hosted "A Toast to the Animals" celebration to help support the League's Salem branch as well as Northeast Animal Shelter. The capacity crowd danced to the music of the "Paws Up" Blues Band and D.J. Pat Runne. Several of those in attendance brought donations of pet food, blankets and toys for our animal friends. Area businesses generously contributed a multitude of raffle and door prizes. Photos of pets waiting for a good home were displayed and League staff members were delighted to hear personal stories from those who had already adopted pets at the Salem branch. We thank all who contributed to a wonderful evening—especially event organizers, Noel Crowley, Kristin Hanson, Terri Colbert and Michael Weatherbee.

## Humane Award Nominations Welcome

We are now accepting nominations for people and pets as recipients of our 1997 Humane Awards, which will be presented during our "Be Kind to Animals Week" celebration on Sunday, May 4, 1997. If you know of an animal who helped a person or a person who went out of his or her way to help an animal, please let us know. Last year's awards were given to firefighters who saved a drowning Beagle and a Great Dane who helped to rescue her neighbor during a blizzard. If you would like to make a nomination, please send us your name, address and phone number; the name, address and phone number of the person involved; the name, address and phone number of the animal and animal's owner involved; and a short description of why these individuals should receive a Humane Award. Please send your nomination by March 21, 1997, to Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117, Attn: Humane Awards.

*The face looks familiar... Chad Cunningham of Bellingham, MA gets up close and personal with "Pongo." This adorable Great Dane was adopted from the League's Pine Ridge Shelter shortly after Petoberfest!*

## Petoberfest '96

Autumn leaves were falling as the mercury climbed to above 70 degrees at the first annual Petoberfest. Hosted October 26 and 27 at the League's Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham, the event attracted close to 1,000 guests. Highlights included an open house in the Shelter, music by the Magic Rainbow Band, children's games and activities, reptile and bird of prey demonstrations, animals in the paddocks and scrumptious baked goods! Crafters and a professional auction gave those wishing to begin early holiday shopping many exciting opportunities. Look for Petoberfest '97 information in the Spring issue of *Our Fourfooted Friends*!

The League would like to extend grateful thanks to the following contributors and sponsors. Support from our members, area businesses and the community enables us to organize events and create awareness on behalf of our animal friends. We also thank our volunteers for a job well done.

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*Shall we start the bidding? Auctioneer Mike Berman, of Henry A. Berman and Sons, accepts bids on one of the many items donated to Petoberfest. We would like to note that Mr. Berman also donated his services.*

*Herpetologist Marla Isaac and friend prepare to make their way to the bandstand for a lecture on reptiles.*

*"Yes! Those countless hours playing miniature golf have finally paid off!"*

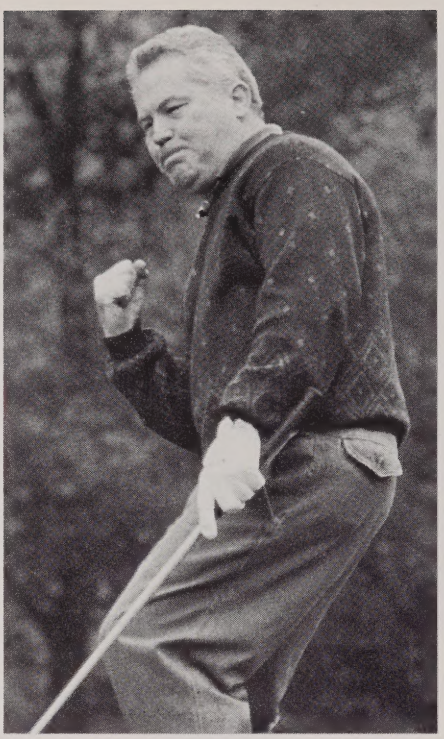
## "Putting For Pets"

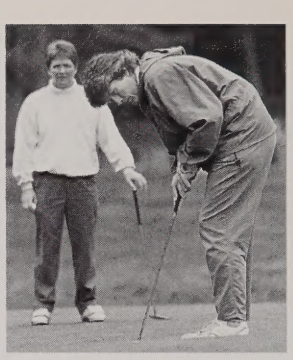
Gray skies and an autumn chill hovered over the greens at the Wayland Country Club on the morning of Friday, Sept. 27. Sixty-five golfers bravely withstood the cold weather (hot chocolate, anyone?) to take part in the Animal Rescue League of Boston's second "Putting For Pets" Golf Tournament fund-raiser, which began at 8:00 a.m. with a Shotgun Start and ended with a barbecue luncheon.

Although no one hit the hole-in-one required to win a brand-new car, many golfers went home with prizes for their talent (or luck!). Gift certificates to Wayland Pro Shops were awarded to first place winners Mike Cook and Scott Nathan for best score of 66 (par for the course is 71). Brad and Doug Michals took second place and Jeff Baker and Mike Walsh came in third. The longest drive winners of the day were Kathy Fardy for the women and Jim Sullivan for the men. Other prizes were awarded for closest-to-the-pin, and highest score.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston gratefully acknowledges the many players, sponsors, staff and volunteers who helped to make this second golf tournament a success. Proceeds from "Putting For Pets" will enable the League to purchase specialized rescue equipment for the humane and efficient rescue of injured or endangered pets, wildlife and other animals. Thank you all so much.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston would like to offer a special thanks to the following sponsors of the 1996 "Putting For Pets" Golf Tournament.





*(Top right) "I can do this...this is for the championship...the crowd is silent..."*
*"Would you just putt, already."*

*"I missed the putt because I had this incredible charley horse!"*

*"Sure, Todd, that's what you said when you missed the last shot."*

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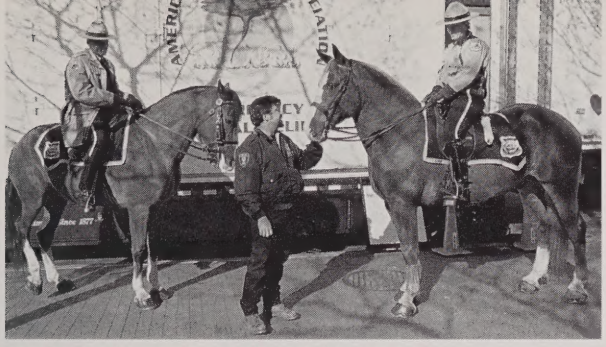
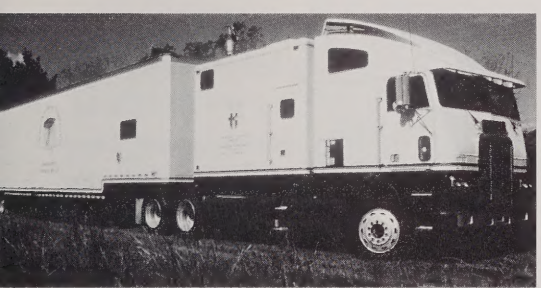


## Project Heart: An Overview

From the battlefields of World War I to the areas devastated by Hurricane Andrew, the American Humane Association has been rescuing animals from disasters.

One of the problems facing AHA's relief work, however, has been not having the resources at the disaster site to accomplish the mission. In a flood, local boats are already in service (or out of commission) by the time relief workers get there. Rental cars and hotel rooms are scarce. Local humane society personnel are often trying to repair their own homes in addition to meeting extraordinary demands for animal rescue services. Veterinary clinics are often closed for business and the ones that remain open are swamped. AHA disaster responders have spent frustrating days and weeks at disaster sites looking for needed equipment to help people with their animals.



*Project HEART, the Humane Emergency Animal Relief Team truck*

AHA has responded to this problem with a new disaster relief command vehicle that has the capability to facilitate animal rescue work nationwide, no matter what form the disaster may take. Named Project HEART, (Humane Emergency Animal Relief Team), the truck will be a state-of-the-art mobile command center manned by professionally-trained disaster relief workers, capable of dealing with natural disasters such as forest fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes, or man-made catastrophes like crude oil spills, and the toxic fumes released by a recent train derailment. It will accommodate a mobile veterinary clinic, a four-wheel-drive rescue vehicle, boats, a horse trailer, rescue equipment, power generators, communications equipment, animal feed supplies and water.

AHA is seeking corporate sponsors and local donations for Project HEART, which will be the base of operations for all AHA disaster work, as well as a rolling platform for a number of other programs, from spay and neuter clinics to humane education.

When not actively engaged at a disaster site, Project HEART will be on tour, visiting animal shelters, hosting Animals in Disasters workshops and appearing at conferences and trade shows on behalf of the organization and/or its corporate sponsor or sponsors. Such a state-of-the-art vehicle, especially one with such a sympathetic mission, will draw public support and media attention wherever it goes. Part of the support network behind Project HEART will be the public relations staff at AHA headquarters in Denver who will schedule media and high-profile appearances in the cities and towns Project HEART visits.

Project HEART can also be deployed to do spay/neuter projects where they are most needed: Native American reservations, inner cities and rural areas. Such programs will demonstrate the compassionate and charitable nature of this "TRUCK WITH A HEART."

## Mark Your Calendar!

Please join us for the upcoming League events. If you have questions or would like to assist at an event, please call Volunteer Coordinator Rena Bly at 617-426-9170, ext. 126.

### January

**8 In the Dog House: Protecting Your Pets from the Elements**

Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
League Headquarters
Humane Education Lecture Series.

**25 Teddy Bear Clinic and Tea**

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
League Headquarters

Children and parents are invited to bring their teddy bears and other stuffed animals for minor first aid repairs.

### February

**8-9, 14 Gift Wrapping Table**

Dedham Mall
Call Rena Bly for information.

**19 First Aid for Your Pets**

Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
League Headquarters
Humane Education Lecture Series

**27 SPAY DAY**

Thursday
Pet Overpopulation Awareness Event

### March

**12 Volunteer Opportunities at the Animal Rescue League of Boston**

Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
League Headquarters
Humane Education Lecture Series

*Boston Headquarters: standing (l-r) Rena Bly, Allison Vinkels, Rebecca Hutchinson, Sharon Krough, Katharine Freeman, Laura Caruso, Andrea Blondin, Deanna MacMillian, Diane Mollaghan; kneeling (l-r) Brad Munroe, Diane Day, Peggy Turchette, Karyn Cole, Sandra Dustin, and, of course, their faithful furry friends.*

## League Celebrates Shelter Employee Appreciation

The Animal Rescue League of Boston recently observed National Shelter Employee Appreciation Week by delivering goodies to each shelter location and inviting employees to pose with their own animal friends. We salute the continued dedication of these caring individuals and proudly introduce them to our readers.

*Cape Cod Branch: Dawn Lee, Sandra Luppi, Lynda Brogden, Melinda Lary, Megan Marciezyk, Heidi Blanke and their picture perfect pets.*

*Salem Branch: standing (l-r) Dr. David Dunn, Lauren Lacey, Jodi Holmes, Jennifer Park; sitting (l-r) Hugh Mulligan, Kelly MacQueen, Donna Dominico, Beverly Hardcastle, Kevin McGrane, and their amazing animals.*

*Dedham Branch: (l-r) Cheryl Anne Fata, Lisa Lagos, Laura Caruso, Kristen Chute, Terry Ober, Mike Thomas and their canine companions.*

*Captain Thomas White, (far right) director of the criminal investigations division at the League, presents certificates of appreciation to (from left) Det. Robert "Jerry" Simandl, Chicago Police Dept.; Edmund F. Pierce, A.C.P.; and Dale W. Griffiths, retired captain, Ohio P.D., and respected authority on Non-Traditional Groups.*

## League Hosts Occult Crime Seminar

*By Capt. Thomas White, M.A. Criminal Justice*

A young boy is forced to sacrifice his family dog in a ritual to Satan. The same young man is then ritualistically abused in a rite that initiates and bonds him to a cult overseen and run by adults.

Animal and child abuse have been discovered to be part of the workings of some non-traditional groups such as the one above.

Some members of the Law Enforcement community are taking this seriously—seriously enough to form an association to deal with these problems. NRCIA, the Northeast Ritual Crime Intelligence Association, was founded two years ago. It has grown so much in that time, now having officers from all over the country as members, that it is considering changing its name to the National Ritual Crime Intelligence Association.

In September The Animal Rescue League of Boston, NRCIA and the Boston Police Department sponsored a three day advanced seminar on "Cults and Criminal Activity." Guest speakers at this seminar were well-respected national authorities on the subject and covered the gamut of topics such as: cults, sects and deviant movements in this country; teen involvement and ritual child abuse in the occult; the Gothic movement; glyphs; the violence code; the Son of Sam investigation; Afro-Caribbean cults; historical perspectives and rituals involving animal sacrifice.

Some of the guest speakers were Dr. Dale Griffis, an authority on non-traditional groups and author of several reference books on the subject; Det. Gerald Semandl from the Chicago Police Department, who is an expert on teen involvement in the occult and ritual abuse of children; Dr. John Michalec, who spoke on not only cults, but also on gangs and their involvement in the occult; Maury Terry, an investigative reporter who was responsible for the reopening of the Son of Sam murder investigation by the New York City Police Department; Linda Blood, who spoke on the history of Satanism; Edmund Pierce, who spoke on cases that he has worked on; and Captain Thomas White of The Animal Rescue League and Edward Leonard, D.V.M., who hosted a special program on animal sacrifices.

Is animal sacrifice going on in Massachusetts? I can answer that by saying I have three file cabinets full of cases and photographs that I either investigated or am currently investigating.

I receive calls from officers all over the country needing advice on how to investigate occult cases.

In the spirit in which the humane community was founded, we are also assisting child welfare agencies in cases that they are working on that may involve cults. In fact, both The Animal Rescue League of Boston and the M.S.P.C.C. have discussed working on a joint lecture program that we could present to the child welfare community.

Anyone knowing of any of these crimes taking place are encouraged to call The Animal Rescue League of Boston, Law Enforcement Department at (617) 426-9170.

## 1997 Animal Photography Contest

Think your pet is the cutest thing in the world? Here's your chance to prove it by entering the 1997 Animal Photography Contest.

All amateur photographers are encouraged to enter (no professionals, please). Separate prizes will be awarded for juniors (under 18) and adults. Awards will be in the form of $150, $100 and $75 gift certificates for photographic equipment and supplies. All photos will be displayed during Be Kind to Animals Week (May 4-10) at one of our shelters. The winning photos, which will be announced the same week, will appear in the summer issue of *Our Fourfooted Friends*.

Submitted photos, which may be black and white or color, can depict animals alone or with people and/or props. The photos must be unretouched and should be enlarged to approximately 5" x 7" or 8" x 10". Please keep your negatives in case we need them for reproduction. All photos submitted become the property of the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

To enter: Affix a printed label or sticker on the back of each entry with the photographer's name, address, phone number and age if he or she is under 18. Be sure not to write on the back of the photo with a pen or sharp pencil which can damage the surface of the print. Only photos accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope will be returned. Mail entries by March 28, 1997 to: Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117, Attn: Animal Photo Contest. For further information, call (617) 426-9170.

# Random Acts of Kindness...
## I Finally Have Time, What Can I Do?

By Sonia DiTommaso

*Have you made your New Year's resolution yet? We are now fully immersed in the holiday season. No matter what level of holiday spirit you possess, this time of year calls for contemplation of the present, reflection on the past, and thoughts of the future. We have schedules and priorities that tend to limit our personal freedom. We may wish for more time and resources to share with family and the causes close to our hearts. If your resolution includes trying to find ways to help the plight of our animal friends, we have a few suggestions. Many are projects that can be rewarding for the entire family. Please call the League at 617-426-9170 for additional information on the following:*

Best wishes to you and
your special animal friends
for a prosperous New Year
filled with health, joy,
caring and friendship.

### Organize a Blanket/Towel Drive

As noted in other sections of this publication, blankets and towels are always in great demand. Linens provide additional warmth and comfort for animals. Consider asking friends and relatives to bring their surplus linens to the next social gathering—perhaps the purpose could be to spend the afternoon dropping off the collections at League branch shelters. Initiate a linen drive at your school, office or place of worship. Many organizations may publish the request in the newsletter or bulletin. A pet food drive may be organized at the same time!

### Donate Recyclables

This is an excellent classroom project. Students designate an area at school for recycling bins. Once bins are full, they return the bottles and cans and donate the funds to an animal shelter. In addition to helping animals, students learn about the environment and may also incorporate math and science lessons. Girl and Boy Scouts may wish to earn badges by organizing this project.

### Start a Neighborhood Clean-up Day

Here's a chance to help animals as well as the environment. Recruit neighbors to help pick up litter in your neighborhood. If you live near the water, you have an opportunity to make the area safe for your pets and wildlife. Carelessly discarded items such as fishing line, hooks, lures, lead sinkers, bottles, cans and the plastic rings from cans pose a severe threat to animals.

### Collect Homeless Homer Symbols

Clip the Homeless Homer, Morris "Help Homeless Pets," or UPC symbols from Heinz Pet Products pet food labels. Animal shelters receive a cash donation in exchange for the symbols. Call Rena Bly at 617-426-9170 for more information or to receive a redemption form.

### Bequests

Making a gift to the Animal Rescue League of Boston—whether during your lifetime, or through your will—is one of the most gratifying acts you can perform. Please call the League for an informational brochure.

### Volunteer

Spare time on your paws? There are many volunteer opportunities waiting for you at the Animal Rescue League of Boston. Caring individuals are especially needed to staff information tables at events promoting League awareness and humane education. Please contact Rena Bly for additional information.

### Spend Time With Your Pet

Have you hugged your pet today? Our pets are members of our family—and to them we are members of their pack. Your time is the kindest gift you can give to your pet.

### Report Neglect or Abuse

If you witness or suspect animal cruelty, please call the law enforcement department at the Animal Rescue League of Boston at 617-426-9170. Your call will be considered anonymous. Please remember that most pet owners love their animals but may not know how to properly care for them. In some cases, humane education may be all that is needed.

### Acknowledge Acts of Kindness Towards Animals

Have you ever witnessed someone committing an act of kindness towards animals and wanted to reinforce the behavior? The Animal Rescue League of Boston has created decals that can be distributed to caring individuals caught in the act. The decals, free of charge, are available in two choices: "I'm 100% Animal Friendly" and "Kindness to Animals is Contagious." On the back of the decal is a card explaining the citation. The recipient keeps the decal and in turn may cite someone else by passing along the card. The card may be turned in at a League location for a decal and the process begins again. It's contagious! This is an epidemic we like spreading. Thanks to League Senior Humane Educator Alan Cunningham for developing this idea. Please call the League for decals and cite someone today!

### Assist the Elderly or Those Temporarily Unable to Care for Their Pets

There are responsible pet owners who, for a variety of reasons, may require a helping hand to provide appropriate care or exercise for their animal friends. Consider walking a pet, arranging for transportation to the veterinarian's office, or stopping by to visit someone in need.

These are just a few examples of ways we can spend time helping animals as well as those in the community. If you have a suggestion to share, please send a note to:
Animal Rescue League of Boston,
P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02217.

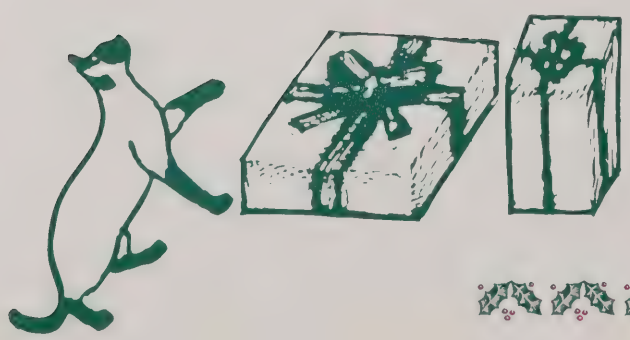
# Animal Fri

*A special feature for our younger readers*

## How To Have A Safe and Happy Holiday With Your Pet

Ahh...the holidays are arriving. Chestnuts will be roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost will be nipping at your nose, and the guy in the red suit will climb down your chimney (that is if you've been good boys and girls). Holidays are a very exciting time for everyone, except we must take into consideration the well-being of our pets before we deck the halls.

We may not be aware of it, but there are many dangers that may put a damper on our holiday cheer if our pets are curious enough to get hold of them. For example, Christmas lights on a tree may be beautiful, but they can make an unhealthy and quite shocking appetizer for your pet (causing a painful electrical burn). Also remember that ornaments may be great as a decoration on your tree, but are often small and easy for pets to swallow—which could be harmful.



Another time honored tradition is the lighting of the Menorah at Chanukah. You may want to place the burning candles high enough so that your pets do not catch themselves—or your house—on fire.

How about candy canes or chocolates during the holidays? You can still eat these treats, but make sure your pet doesn't. Your pet may enjoy these goodies too, but holiday treats can cause stomach upset and even death if your pet ingests them.

You may not be aware of this, but some holiday plants can be poisonous to your pet. Holly, mistletoe, or the red-leafed poinsettia are toxic (meaning poisonous) if your pet eats them. If you suspect your pet has ingested any of these plants, tell an adult to call either the poison control center or your local veterinarian to instruct you further on the necessary and sometimes immediate actions that need to be taken. Remember, holidays can still be festive occasions, but always keep your pet in mind when planning to decorate your home.

# ends

## Dear Kory,

*I can't wait until Christmas. I am hoping to get what I have always dreamed for—a Golden Retriever puppy. I don't think my parents are too keen on this idea. Kory, how can I get my parents to agree with me?*

Sorry kid, I am in agreement with your parents. Sometimes pets don't make the greatest gifts, especially during the holiday season. It may seem like a great idea now, but you might have to deal with some unplanned consequences later. Time needs to be spent thinking of how much cost, time, and space will be needed for your pet. I know you believe that you're ready for the responsibilities of pet ownership, but are you truly? Also, since the holidays are such a hectic time, your new puppy might get nervous and just may get mixed in with all that wrapping paper. In my opinion, if your puppy is going to be a Christmas gift, you should wait until after the holiday is over to get it. This way you can help your parents pick out just the right puppy for you. Remember, a pet is not a toy, it is a living being.

### Hey Kids!

Do you have a question for Kory? Write in and if your question gets published in *Our Fourfooted Friends* magazine, you'll receive a free autographed picture of Kory, and an Animal Rescue League t-shirt. Send your questions to:

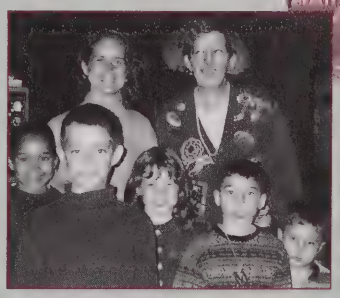
*Questions for Kory*
**The Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117**

## friend of the quarter

### Pennies from Heaven

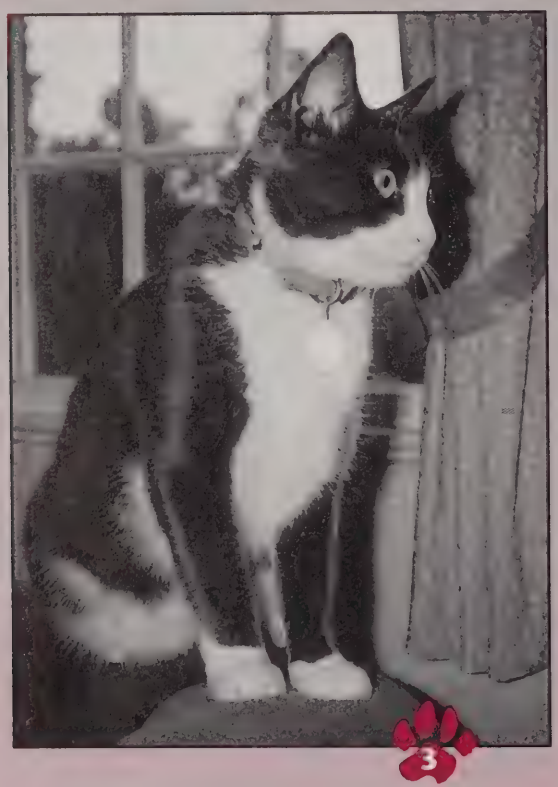
Students from the Lafayette School in Everett, MA, held a penny drive for the Animal Rescue League of Boston. The money was presented during a humane education program for the fourth grade class at the school this past fall.

It seemed as though every student contributed—thanks to those who used their kind senses!! The money will be used to help in our efforts to provide and care for our four-footed friends here at the Animal Rescue League.



*Ms. Hutchinson; Ms. Catterson, principal; Jocelyn; Matt; Alicia; Mike and Richard of the Lafayette School in Everett.*

# Pets in the



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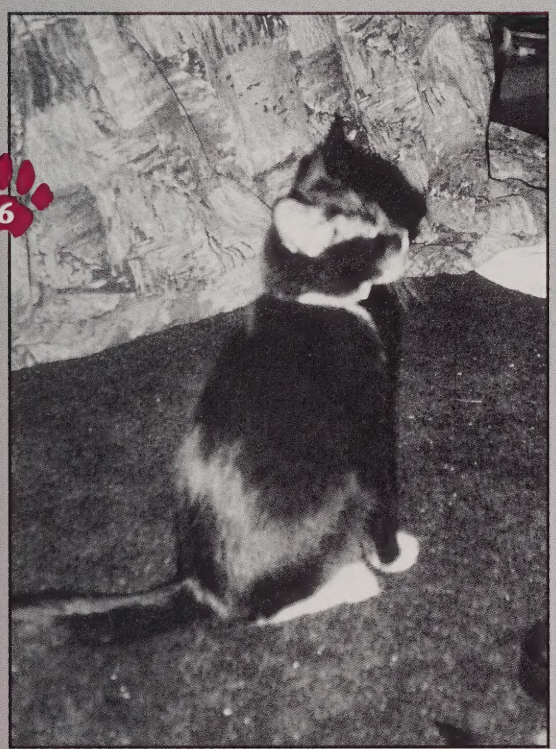

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**1.**

"Mickey" can't wait to spend his favorite holiday with Tracy Gordon of Needham for the second year. Mickey is a "momma's boy," reports Tracy. She says he follows her everywhere she goes.

**2.**

"Melody" is happy in her new home (she has even made peace with the three cats) and they "love her very much," says Isbell Ambiel of Boston. Isbell writes that "Melody has adjusted very, very well and is an excellent dog."

**3.**

"Tinker" has become a "very welcome member" of Valerie Henderson's Manchester household. "She is a wonderful little cat—gets on well with everyone." Valerie reveals that she even "bosses our very large dog 'Dave' around."

**4.**

"'Sampson' is just great! We couldn't have chosen a better pet!" declares Chris Waters of West Roxbury. "He is so well behaved and he is so polite. We just love him!"

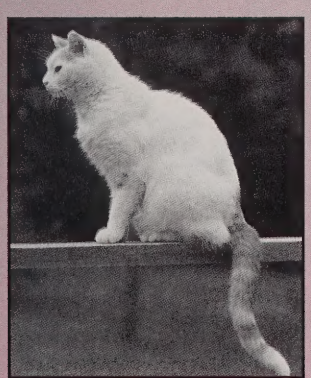
**5.**

"It was a lucky day in 1990," says Luanna Devenis of Lexington, when she brought "Tyler" home from the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He likes to sleep on a "people bed," reports Luanna. "Tyler" is pictured with his toy dog, "Curly."

**6.**

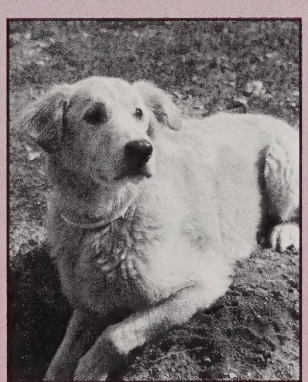
"Mischief's" name is no coincidence, according to Michelle En Finger of Allston. "She believes that she is the center of the world" and "loves looking at the world from [Michelle's] shoulder."

## Gone but Not Forgotten



*"Felix" 1975 - 1995*

*"Enclosed is our favorite photo to add to your collection," write Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vetterling of Barnstable, MA. "Felix" was rescued as a young kitten by the Vetterlings. He remained a loving family companion for more than twenty years.*



*"Sam" 1984 - 1996*

*Rita Hennessey of Quincy, MA remembers meeting a stray, injured Labrador Retriever at the League's Boston shelter in April 1985. "With his deep brown eyes and wagging tail, he expressed his love and that he wanted to 'adopt' his daily visitor, Rita. In turn, 'Sam' brought so much joy to Tom and Rita through his love, devotion and dedication."*

*"Hans," our Sit Up and Beg mascot, sends out a special plea for used, clean linens. Can you help?*

# Sit Up & Beg

## Hey Buddy, Can You Spare Some Linens?

Is your linen closet close to capacity? Are there blankets and towels that have been relegated to the back shelves because they are no longer used—perhaps tattered around the edges? If so, our animal friends will gladly help you clean your closet. You get more shelf space and they get to be wrapped in warmth, courtesy of your generosity.

**Our League shelters are always in need of clean towels, blankets and sheets—especially during the winter months. Blankets line cages for added warmth and comfort, towels are used after bathing, and sheets are often helpful in our rescue efforts. Please refer to the inside cover of *Our FourFooted Friends* for shelter locations and phone numbers.**

The staff at the League has come up with the following "wish list" of items that would add to the safety, care or comfort of our animal friends. If you would like to donate any of these items, or contribute toward the purchase of a piece of equipment, please call (617) 426-9170.

8mm Camcorder with 3" LCD screen
Would be used to tape rescues for educational training purposes; $600

Sled for ice rescues
Approximately $3,000

Towels and blankets
Used to line cages for warmth after bathing

Hospital-type incubators
Used in shelters

## Thank You

We would like to gratefully thank the following friends for their generous contributions:

**Canoes:**
Mrs. Patricia Baker, E. Harwich
Mr. Richard Green, Holliston

**Funds to purchase Buchanan Handler:**
Mr. Henry T. Wiggin, Brookline

# Winterizing Your Pet

When the temperature (and the snow) begins to fall, you'll find that your pet needs a little extra care from you. Here are some points to remember this winter.

- Cats and dogs need protection from wet and cold, whether they get it inside your house or inside their own. Cats are best kept inside when it gets cold, as are most small and short-haired dogs. An outdoor dog needs a dry, elevated dog house with clean, dry bedding and a flap over the opening to keep drafts out. Or consider adding a dog door to the garage with a soft cushion in the warmest corner.
- A bowl of frozen water can't help a thirsty pet. Check outdoor water bowls often when it's below freezing, and break the ice or refill with water as necessary.
- Outdoor dogs need more calories in the winter to produce body heat, so increase the amount you feed your pet. On the other hand, indoor dogs and cats may get less exercise in the cold months, and will need fewer calories to avoid weight gain.
- Chemicals used to melt snow on sidewalks can irritate pets' paws, so you may need to wipe them with a wet cloth after an outing. Dogs outside in the snow may need the ice between their paw pads removed.
- Antifreeze tastes good to pets, but it is a deadly poison. The most likely source of the poison is radiator drainage spots in your garage, which should be flushed with water immediately.
- A cat may crawl up under your car seeking shelter and warmth near the engine. It may get caught in the fan and seriously injured when the engine starts. Open the hood of your car or slap it noisily with your hand before starting the engine on cold days to startle any animal sleeping there.

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# The Perfect Gifts!

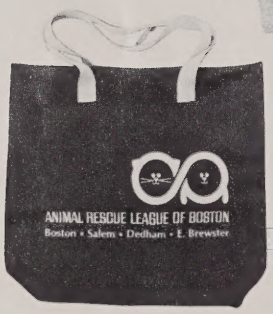
**Blue Ribbon Pin**
**$5.00 ea.**



**T-Shirt (S, M, L, XL)**
**$10.00 ea.**

**Sweatshirt (S, M, L, XL)**
**$18.00 ea.**

**Sweatpants (S, M, L, XL)**
**$18.00 ea.**




**Tote Bag**
**$12.00 ea.**

**Fanny Pack**
**$ 7.00 ea.**

**Insulated Travel Mug**
**$ 3.50 ea.**

*Show your support and help spread awareness of the Animal Rescue League of Boston by wearing and using these new League items!*

All of these promotional items may be purchased at League locations in Boston, Brewster, Dedham and Salem, or may be ordered by mail. Colors are blue and white.

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Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of $ [ ] made payable to the Animal Rescue League of Boston. (Please add $3.00 for shipping and handling for orders over $10.) Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery

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